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EXAMINER: W. Beisner

FOR: System and Method for Optically Monitoring the Concentration of a Gas, or
the Pressure in a Sample Vial to Detect Sample Growth

**PETITION FOR THREE MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for a Three Month Extension of Time from September 3, 2004 to December 3, 2004 to respond to the Final Office Action mailed on June 3, 2004.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1666 for the \$980.00 fee for the three (3) month extension. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Account No. 02-1666.

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